

The Hennys, Middleton and Twinstead Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14th November 2022

Present:

Parish Cllrs: *Cllr D Holland (Chairman), Cllr T Humphreys (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr A Scattergood, Cllr A Smart, Cllr A Burns, Cllr L Boydell*

District Cllr: *none*

County Cllr: *Cllr Peter Schwier*

Clerk: *Mrs S Boydell*

Members of Public: None

MINUTES

42.2022/2023 Apologies for absence

Cllr W Scattergood

43.2022/2023 Declarations of interest on agenda items

Cllr A Scattergood married to District Cllr W Scattergood.

Cllr D Holland item 8 b)

44.2022/2023 Co-option of New Councillors

Leon Boydell was proposed as a new councillor to represent Middleton, this was seconded and confirmed with a unanimous vote.

45.2022/2023 Approval of Minutes

All members of the Parish Council in agreement with the minutes from the last Parish Council meeting.

46.2022/2023 Public Speaking – discussed item 7b)

47.2022/2023 District/County Councillors Report

Cllr P Schwier arrived at 9pm (due to attending other multiple meetings). The PC explained that a verbal confirmation of detailed emailed information is not necessary and the PC would be better served by the County Council if more relevant queries could be addressed at Parish Council meetings, Cllr Schwier was happy with this suggestion and the PC put various questions to him, including the unacceptable state of the local roads and possible speed limits in the area. Cllr Schwier was helpful and said to confirm all queries in writing.

48.2022/2023 Clerks Report – all items noted.

49.2022/2023 Planning - Current Planning Applications for objection or approval

- a) *National Grid – BDC Local Application, Pylons National DCO Application & East Anglian Green pylon line proposal (in addition to the B2T) – chairman to update
Currently the argument is for interconnectors under the sea.*
- b) *PC notes the notice for the intent of work to be carried out trees under preservation order 22/02681*

50.2022/2023 Annual Reviews

- a) *PC happy with the current emergency plan, noted that empty boxes should contain nil or n/a, and clerk to ensure contact details are up to date, all Cllrs to keep a hard copy, also to check if all information is appropriate to be on website and noticeboard to comply with GDPR.*
- b) *Clerk to set up councillor email addresses for Cllrs requiring assistance with this.*

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51.2022/2023 Highways Issues

Clerk to chase County Cllr on pressing issues after PC questions why repeatedly reported issues are still not being dealt with even though criteria is met. Question if the number of effected people stipulate the priority of an issue as a priority 2 road issue is being ignored.

Discussion regarding pros and cons of a speed limit on Henny Road – PC suggests canvassing for local resident opinions – Cllr T Humphreys to lead on this.

PC thanks Cllr M Cracknell and his team for cutting the hedge on the junction of Park Road and Henny Street, enabling a much wider and safer view for vehicles.

Clerk to chase repairs to Henny footbridge.

52.2022/2023 Village Items

- a) *PC discussed vehicle speed and increased traffic on Pebmarsh Road, Twinstead and considered a calming sign – Chairman and Cllr A Smart to work on this.*
- b) *PC thanks Cllr A Smart for his work on repairing the plinth under the village sign.*
- c) *The Annual Parish Meeting (Parish Assembly) was set for 13th March following on from the Parish Council meeting that day.*

53.2022/2023 Parish Council Finance

- a) *Initial draft budget was discussed and some minor points raised, this will be finalised at the next meeting.*
- b) *Payments noted*

The following payments have been met prior to meeting:

05/10/22	Direct Debit	Payment to NEST Pension (employer & employee)	£36.39
06/10/22	Direct Debit	Monthly Payroll	£9.00
10/10/22	Direct Debit	Tesco monthly phone bill	£8.50
17/10/22	Bank Transfer	Philip Liverton – grass cutting	£108.00
17/10/22	Bank Transfer	Clerk's Salary October 2022	£593.43
02/11/22	Bank Transfer	Middleton PCC Churchyard Maintenance 2023 (paid early)	£70.00
02/11/22	Bank Transfer	Clerk's Salary November 2022	£556.43
02/11/22	Bank Transfer	Clerk expenses Sept & Oct	£37.76
02/11/22	Bank Transfer	Twinstead Village Hall annual grant	£85.00
02/11/22	Bank Transfer	Twinstead Litter Pick	£150.00
07/11/22	Bank Transfer	Twinstead PCC annual churchyard maintenance grant 2022	£70.00

The following payments have been received prior to meeting:

29/09/22	Bank Transfer	Braintree District Concil – second half precept	£4,878.00
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- c) *PC happy with current contractors (Philip Liverton and grass cutting)*
- d) *Grants to village halls and grants for churchyard maintenance was discussed and will be discussed further at the next budget meeting.*

54.2022/2023 Items for next agenda

- *Grants to village halls, churchyards etc.*
- *Vehicle speed and increased traffic on Pebmarsh Road / calming signs*
- *Finalise Budget and Precept demand*
- *Co-option of new councillors if applicable*

55.2022/2023 Meeting Dates

16th January 2023, 13th March 2023 (Parish Council Meeting followed by Annual Parish Meeting / Parish Assembly), 15th May 2023, 10th July 2023

Meeting closed 21:33